



QUEEN STREET, AUCKLAND'S (NEW ZEALAND) PRINCIPAL THOROUGHFARE.

BERRY'S COMMERCIAL REPORT

The report of the Berrey Commercial Agency for the first fortnight of May is as follows:

Business conditions remain unchanged. It may be said that there is a better feeling, but that is all. The continued low price of sugar and the delay with the fire claims money are being borne bravely. Seeking for trade amongst retailers is more keen, perhaps, than ever before in Honolulu.

It is now stated as coming from very close to headquarters that positively the fire claims money will be put out next week. Even the most conservative prophets declare that it will be "turned loose" before the end of the month. The special agent of the Treasury Department is working very hard and conscientiously and has had material assistance from Mr. Carter, the Secretary of the Territory.

The loan bill under consideration by the Legislature has reached the figure of \$800,000, and will probably pass at that amount. The Legislators have fixed up the general appropriation bills to carry the Territory to the end of the calendar year, when the new county organization will take hold. Judge Cooper, Superintendent of Public Works, has, with rare good judgment, caused an early legal test of the new county law to be made. It is expected quite naturally that community life will be enlivened by the approaching county elections, as there will without doubt be many candidates for the various lucrative offices. In this connection the real news is said to be that the native Hawaiians are organizing closely, avowedly for the purpose of securing political control. It is predicted that in the struggle for the county offices the newly formed political lines will be pretty well wiped out.

It is very likely that the Legislators will provide some money to be used in advertising the tourist attractions of the Islands. There is hesitancy in this matter for the reason of doubt as to how the money is to be expended. Experienced men well know that it is no trouble to waste large sums of money in so-called advertising for tourists.

Mr. Sargent, the Immigration Commissioner of the United States, is here chiefly for the purpose of locating a station in Honolulu harbor. While in the Territory Mr. Sargent will make a thorough investigation of the labor conditions and the result of his conclusions will certainly be made manifest in due time. Mr. Sargent is a well balanced man, of large experience in labor matters on the mainland, but of course new to the conditions he finds here. So far during his stay he has met many prominent men and has had a long conference with members of the Builders and Traders' Exchange, Merchants' Association and Chamber of Commerce.

The Merchants' Association has not yet reported any results in its effort to secure the calling of Manila-bound transports at Honolulu. It is sincerely hoped that this movement will be crowned with success.

Just now the Builders and Traders' Exchange is very prominent in the public vision. This organization succeeded in having a couple of very good laws made by the Legislature during the regular session and is moving in no uncertain manner in the interests of the American citizens of the place. The Association learns at once when any new work is to be done and is on hand with the request that it be given to the American laborers of the city.

Strange to say, very little notice has been taken of the stand made by Senator Dickey, the Maui man, during the past week in the interest of economy in the administration of territorial and county affairs. Mr. Dickey made a set speech of no little merit in which he argued for a readjustment of the salary lists to suit the times and the amount of work assigned to the various officials. It is remarkable that even in the Senate the timely proposals of Mr. Dickey could gain little or no attention.

The new local law which permits the garnishment of territorial beneficiaries has given a number of the collectors an opportunity to press some old claims to "arrangement."

There have been quite a number of Honolulu fires lately. In

this connection it will interest all business men to learn something of the final adjustment of the loss of the Hawaiian Supply Company. This concern carried a very large stock of a most puzzling variety. There was dissatisfaction at San Francisco over the final findings as rendered and quite agreeably to all the local people the general adjuster of the underwriters of the Coast metropolis was ordered down. He worked day and night between steamers and when he had finished announced a total award of fourteen cents more than Mr. Gurrey, the well known Honolulu adjuster, had made it. All the friends of Mr. Gurrey are highly pleased over this and predict that it will be many years before the general adjuster is again sent from San Francisco to Honolulu. The Supply Company will be in business again in eight or ten weeks, with Messrs. Marsh and Greaney in charge.

The auction sale of the stock of the Honolulu-Hawaiian Paper Company, bankrupt, held at Morgan's on the 13th inst., was well attended. It was a new stock of staple stuff and some bargains were secured by printers and others. The chief buyers were the Hawaiian Star, Mercantile Printing Company, Hawaiian Gazette Company, and Paradise of the Pacific.

The Oahu Railroad and Land Company is to make quite a change in its equipment of rolling stock. This is the addition of air brakes to many of the cars. The company's May 1st time table has proven a satisfaction to the patrons and the public in general.

The adjustment of the two bond issues of the Pioneer Mill Company has finally been closed. The business was handled by Mr. Charles M. Cooke for the Bank of Hawaii.

Kona Plantation went under the hammer a few days ago and was purchased by Mr. Shingle for clients of the Waterhouse Trust Company. The association of new owners is headed by Mr. Hutchins of the Pacific Mutual insurance agency and the announcement is made that the plantation will be "placed on its feet."

The magnificent F. M. Hatch residence on Pensacola street has been sold to Colonel Sam Parker for \$22,000. The Hatch people will likely hereafter make their home at the beach. This sale was negotiated by R. C. A. Peterson.

Lewers & Cooke, the lumber dealers, are advertising a number of bargains in real estate.

Mr. Newman, who was some years ago with Hobron in the drug business here, will open up a drug house in a few weeks in the Kerr shoe stand, corner of Fort and Hotel. This will be the third new drug house for Honolulu this spring.

S. C. Allen, one of the old time business men, has passed away. His career in commerce was a successful one and he leaves an estate of several millions. As a capitalist, Mr. Allen was always ready to supply the money for a promising enterprise.

Robert Slaughter, the wide awake general agent of the Phoenix Savings, Building and Loan Association, is making a trip to the Coast, leaving the whole of the Honolulu business in the charge of Mr. Campbell, the capable cashier.

The new Kapiolani building, corner of Alakea and King, will be ready for occupancy in a few weeks now.

The Rapid Transit Company is going ahead soon with the Kaimuki extension, in the meantime building certain down town lines. The old Tramways track on Alakea street is being torn up and hauled away.

Mr. Theo. F. Lansing is now with the Hawaiian Hardware Company. Whitman & Co. have secured Wood, and Pearson & Potter have secured Perrine, both new athletes from the Coast, to manage the sporting goods departments of the respective concerns.

The mortgage indebtedness has increased since our last report, \$35,427.92. The following instruments have been filed during the past fortnight:

Deeds	54	\$75,824.50
Mortgages	31	\$50,155.50
Chattel Mortgages	7	\$3,115.42
Releases	22	17,824.00
Leases	15	
Surrender of Lease	3	
Asst. Mortgage	1	
Amendment of Foreclosure	1	

SALES FROM THE HONOLULU STOCK EXCHANGE FROM APRIL 15th.

75 Hon. R. T. & L. Co., \$50; 50 Kihel,

\$8; 6 Oahu, \$105; 10 O. R. & L. Co., \$87.50; 10 Ewa, \$22; 15 Ewa, \$21.50; 210 Ewa, \$21; 1000 Ewa Bonds, \$100; 5000 O. R. & L. Co. Bonds, \$105.

DIVIDENDS.
Ewa Plantation, 1-2 per cent; Hawaiian Electric Co., 1-2 per cent; I. I. S. N. Co., 1 per cent; Waimanalo, 1 per cent; C. Brewer & Co., 1 per cent.

SALES FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO STOCK EXCHANGE.

As per A. W. Blow & Co.'s Stock Report from April 27 to May 2, inclusive.
30 Hutchinson S. P. Co., \$16.12 1-2; 75 Hutchinson S. P. Co., \$15.75; 15 Makawell, \$23; 5 Makawell, \$27.50; 10 Haw'n Com'l & Sugar Co., \$46.75; 20 Haw'n Com'l & Sugar Co., \$46.50; 130 Haw'n Com'l & Sugar Co., \$46; 50 Honokaa, \$14; 50 Pauahau, \$17.75.

EXCHANGE.

Following are the current rates of exchange to countries named—Gold Basis:

Pacific Coast, 30c per \$100; \$50 or less, 15c; cable transfers 45c per \$100.
Atlantic Coast and Canada, 50c per \$100, \$50 or less—25c; cable transfers, 65c per \$100.
Frankfurt, Germany, 24 1-4 per Mark.
Auckland and Sydney, \$4.21.
Hongkong 41 5-8 per Mexican dollar.
Amoy, Singapore and Shanghai, 45 1-4 per Mexican dollar.
Manila and Iloilo, 41 3-4 per Mexican Dollar.
Yokohama, 50 1-8 per Jap yen.
Hioho, Kobe, Nagasaki, 50 1-8.
London, sight purchasing, \$4.90.
London, 60 days, \$4.86 3-4.

LOCAL PRICE LIST OF PROVISIONS AND FEED.

Bran, \$25; Flour, \$5; R. Barley, \$31; Oats, \$32 to \$36; Bacon, 20c per lb.; Wheat Hay, \$26; Corn, \$33 to \$45; Cr. Corn, \$39; Wheat, \$38 to \$40.

JUDGMENTS RENDERED IN DISTRICT COURT.

Millie Lancaster vs. Jno. A. Nunes et al; dfts. F. A. Schaefer et al garnishees; assumpsit. Judgment for defendant, \$22.30.
James H. Haulon vs. O. Jintaro; judgment for plaintiff, \$174.50.
E. O. Hall & Son, Ltd. vs. Wm. J. Wright; Asst. Judgment for plaintiff, \$31.75.

H. W. Hyman et al doing business as Hyman Bros. vs. Sing Warn, deft. W. Austin Whiting. Gar. Asst., judgment for plaintiff, \$321.90.
H. G. Middleditch vs. B. P. Zablan, deft. Auditor of the Terr. of Hawaii. Gar. Asst. Judgment for plaintiff, \$301.25.

H. G. Middleditch vs. J. A. Van Gilson, deft. Auditor of the Terr. of Hawaii. Gar. Asst. Judgment for plaintiff, \$140.55.
L. R. Medeiros & J. T. Rodrigues, doing business as Kallhi Store vs. H. De La Cruz. Asst. Judgment for plaintiff, \$19.43.

J. Edlle vs. Wm. Crooks. Asst. Judgment for defendant, \$8.75.
James E. Fullerton vs. C. A. Doyle, defendant, Auditor Terr. of Hawaii. Gar. Asst. Judgment for plaintiff, \$304.45.

James E. Fullerton vs. C. A. Doyle, Auditor Terr. of Hawaii. Gar. Judgment for plaintiff, \$306.95.
H. G. Middleditch vs. Jas. Kelliplo, defendant, Auditor Terr. of Hawaii. Gar. Asst. Judgment for plaintiff, \$61.86.

H. G. Middleditch vs. Chas. Opunui, defendant, Auditor Terr. of Hawaii.

Gar. Asst. Judgment for plaintiff, \$329.80.
Ching Lum et al vs. H. Hamanaka, Assumpsit and summary possession. Judgment for plaintiff \$165.05 and possession of premises.

BUILDING PERMITS.

H. G. Young 1 story wood boat house, Allen St. near Fort; Fred. Harrison 1 story wood Storage, Queen St. near Cooke; F. W. Beardslee 2 story Brick stores and offices, Queen St. near Fort; C. Miyamoto 1 story wood residence, 450, No. 46 Ewa side of Lane, 200 feet mauka of Beretania street; L. I. S. N. Co. 2 story Iron Work shops, corner Queen and River sts.; Lee Chu 1 story wood cottage, mauka side Lusitana street, near Alapai.

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